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Boston, May 31, 1832.

My dear Benson:

Friend Buffum has doubtless informed you, ere this, that I have requested him to comply with your request, in relation to the colonization controversy in the columns of the ~~American~~. I would very gladly ~~have~~ taken up my pen, but the accumulation of duties prevent me. I thank you for a copy of the American, containing your communication and the essay of a friend of the Colonization Society. Your strictures were well-timed and well-written; and I trust you will let no fear of an inability to manage a controversy of this kind on your part, deter you from a trial. Truth is the simplest thing in the universe; and the cause you have espoused is truth's. Drive your quill as often as possible: habit will make the task easy and agreeable. I have no doubt that friend Buffum will do justice to the subject. He promises to furnish a series of numbers. As I do not exchange with the American, you will greatly oblige me by sending me a copy of it whenever any articles, pro or con, relative to the Colonization Society, ap-

pear in its pages. The advocate of the Society in the American has uttered some abominable sentiments, and discovered any spirit but that of true philanthropy. Perhaps I may notice him hereafter, in the columns of the Liberator.

On Friday morning, God willing, I start for Philadelphia, to attend the General Convention of Colored Delegates, the proceedings of which will be likely to attract the attention of the nation. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon its deliberations!

I am happy to inform you that my 'Thoughts on Colonization' have now assumed a tangible shape, and will be ready for sale to-morrow. I make no calculation with regard to the reception which the public will give them; but, hastily as they have been put together, I believe they are calculated to make a salutary impression. I am under fresh obligations to you for your efforts, your very successful efforts, to procure subscribers for the same. You may expect a bundle of them on Saturday or Monday. The work is very cheap, considering the amount of reading which is given. I hope my colored friends will feel an interest in its pages.

I shall go to New-York via Norwich, and, consequently, shall not go through Providence. You shall see me on my return.

My own and my partner's respects and good wishes, ^{are tendered} to your worthy brother and yourself, to friends Brewer, Chace, &c.

In great haste, as usual,

Your truly obliged friend,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Friend May is now in this city. He attended our last anti-slavery meeting, and spoke nobly.

N. B. I conjure my colored brethren in Providence not to fail of being represented in the Convention. A remissness, on their part, to send a delegate at this important crisis, would hardly be excusable. Now is the time for them to act, if ever. Will they not encourage my heart and strengthen my hands by complying with this request?

W L Garrison
May 31st 1832
Boston



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Mr Henry C. Benson,

Providence,

R. I.